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DNR Reports . . .
by Glenn Therres

Piping Plovers are listed as endangered by the State of Maryland and as threatened by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Maryland's only nesting population occurs on National Park Service property at Assateague Island National Seashore. Conservation efforts thus require a coordinated effort, which has been in place for many years. DNR biologists and technicians work side-by-side with National Park Service staff monitoring and protecting nesting plovers. Funding and technical advice is provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Most of the Piping Plover nesting occurs on the north end of Assateague Island. This area is closed to ORV (off-road vehicle) traffic. ORV can cause serious problems for nesting plovers and this closure by the National Park Service is one of the keys to success. In addition to prohibiting ORV traffic, boater access to the bayside of the island is restricted seasonally by DNR regulations. This allows the plovers to feed on the tidal flats behind Assateague free of human disturbance. Signs are also posted on the island warning people to stay off the north end, in the event they ignored the boating restrictions.

Nesting begins in mid April and peaks in May and June. During this time our staffs are busy looking for breeding pairs and nest sites. They comb the island searching for adults and nest scrapes, listen for plover calls, and follow plover tracks in the sand. Nests are located by watching flushing birds return to their nests or by following tracks. Scanning with binoculars and spotting scopes also helps locate breeders. Number of breeding pairs found this year were 56. For the last three years the number of breeders has averaged 59, with 61 in 1996 being the highest. The lowest on record since we began monitoring in 1986 was 14 pairs in 1990.

Once nests are located, the number of eggs are counted and a predator exclosure is placed around the nest. Predation by mammalian and avian predators has been a significant problem on Assateague Island over the years. Exclosures are made of 4-foot high wire mesh, staked to the ground with posts. The exclosures surround the nest at a distance of approximately 7 feet in radius. They are covered with a plastic net with 1-inch mesh. The plovers readily adapt to the exclosure and easily pass through the wire to access their nest. The adults usually return to the nest within 20 minutes or less and continue with their business of incubation.

Exclosures have proven effective at reducing nest predation. Of the 71 nesting

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Memories of the 1998 MOS Annual Conference
by Fran Pope

"White-winged crossbills' feeding frenzy in and under trees in Maryland and West Virginia!"

"The beauty of Garrett County!"

"Two saw-whet owls calling in Cranesville Swamp!"

"The terrific cooperation from all who agreed to lead trips!"

"Henslow's sparrows singing on territory...watch his head flip back when he says 'tslick'!"

"Super looks at 'Brewster's' and mourning warblers!"

"Common snipe sitting on a powerline pole!"

"Early morning on Table Rock with 'puddles of warblers dripping from the trees'!"

"The stunning quality of the local artists' work!"

...just a few participants' "Favorite memories" from the 1998 MOS annual conference, held May 15-17 near Deep Creek Lake at the Wisp Resort Hotel in Garrett County.

Two hundred thirty registrants enjoyed this first-time-ever-Garrett-County-based MOS conference, and many said they'd like to come back 'real soon' for another. The 144 species of birds recorded for the weekend on nearly 40 field trips inspired others to plan to visit the county on their own and not wait for another conference!

Often it was hard choosing a field trip because there were so many choices. Half- and full-day trips in both Maryland and West Virginia to state parks, wildlife management areas, lakes, swamps, glades, high altitudes, low altitudes, sanctuaries, 4-H camps and state forests offered something for everyone. Pre-breakfast walks and evening owling trips rounded out the days for those so inclined.

Weather, always a critical factor, smiled broadly upon the birding meeting with temperatures ranging from the mid 40's at night to the low 80's during the mostly sunny days. A brief shower Saturday night refreshed the air for Sunday morning's outings.

Indoor activities were nearly as varied. Dr. William Sladen, Director of Environmental Studies at Airlie, captivated those attend

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Chapter Chatter
by Martha Waugh

Montgomery Chapter Welcomes New Youth —Alessandra was born to Howard and Marta Youth around the peak of spring migration. Howard reports that a Blackpoll Warbler was singing in the Holy Cross Hospital parking lot that crucial morning. Her birth weight was 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and she's growing like a weed. He adds that so far she's focusing mainly on natural subjects close to her—purple coneflower, tiger swallowtail, and such. Howard and Marta expect that soon she will graduate to birds. Her first official birding outing was a trek to Hains Point to see the Pacific Loon.

Talbot Chapter Member Honored — On Saturday, September 26, the new property addition to the Horsehead Wetlands Center will be dedicated. Among those honored will be John Wanuga who left a substantial sum of money to the Talbot Chapter to be used for conservation purposes. The money was turned over to MOS to be invested in acquiring land for conservation. John will be honored by having the road leading into the new property named Wanuga Lane. Later in the year, the Talbot Chapter plans to place a small memorial on the property.

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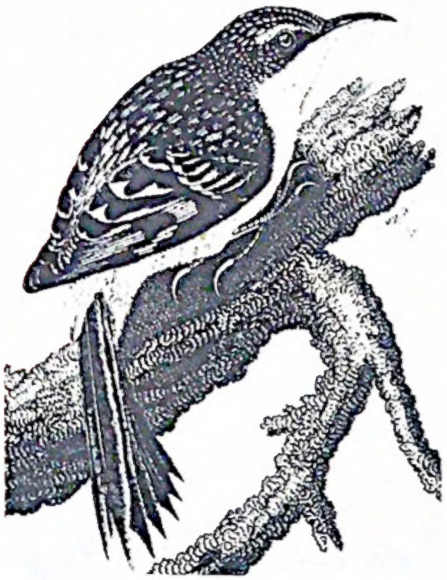

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been very active in birding activities in Maryland and elsewhere. For the month of April, she volunteered at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge in Texas. While Gay was there, she took several days off to give a tour of Santa Ana and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge four Washington Chapter members. Tuba Greenfield, Ann Mitchell, Janet Shields, and Betty Wolfe were attending the ABA Conference in McAllen, Texas and were delighted to be treated to this special tour by Gay. In June Gay spent most of the month on a birding tour of Alaska and in July she took a week-long course on bird banding in Maine.

Baltimore Chapter Supports Carrie Murray Wilderness Day Camp — The Baltimore Chapter presented a gift of $500 to the Scholarship fund of the Carrie Murray Wilderness Day Camp. The camp is based in Baltimore's Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, one of the largest parks of its kind in the nation. In its 2000 + acres there are meadows, wetlands, fields, and forests which provide habitat for many species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians as well as a wide variety of plants. The Center is a bird of prey rehabilitation facility and home for permanently injured birds, providing close-up views for many children from Baltimore City, unaccustomed to being so close to a hawk or owl. There are 15 miles of hiking trails, with 6 miles of the Gwynns Falls stream and 2 miles of the Dead Run stream. This scholarship money will provide one week of Day Camp for five Baltimore City children. Contributions can be sent to the Director of Finance, Carrie Murray Outdoor Education Campus, 1901 Ridgetop Road, Baltimore MD 21207.

Harford County Loses Long-time Active Member — Retired Army Captain Lucille Wilson died May 18, 1998 at the age of 82. An Army nurse with WWII combat experience, Lucille was active in the Red Cross after her retirement from military service. The Aberdeen Proving Ground Red Cross Chapter honored her with the Clara Barton Award for meritorious volunteer leadership in 1985 and, in 1992, the Chapter marked her 50 years of service. She was an active MOS member since 1955.

Washington, Cecil, and Howard Chapters Seek New Members — Dave Weesner of the Washington Chapter has been teaching a "Birding for Beginners" course at Hagerstown Community College. His efforts have garnered several new MOS members for the Chapter. In addition, he led several canoeing trips during the Delmarva Birding Week-end. The Cecil Chapter has been displaying membership brochures at libraries, garden centers, and bird feed stores, as well as manning an information table at community events. Howard continues its tradition of staffing a display at the Howard County Fair to solicit members and get nesting information about owls and other increasingly sparse species. Three couples recently joined MOS after finding the Howard web page on the Internet. They are all "winter Texans" and summer Howard Countians who developed their interest in birding while in Texas.

Montgomery Chapter's 1998 President's Awards — Linda Friedland, President, cited the following members for outstanding achievements: Jim Green, Jane Farber, Bill Oberman, Jane and Dave Winer and Janet Millenson. Janet Millenson has been editing the Chapter newsletter, *The Chat*, for six years. This year she is turning over the publication to Lydia Schindler and Gemma Radko.

Saw-whet Owl Project in Washington County Continues — If you missed your chance to volunteer time, materials, or support for the banding station on South Mountain last year, Steve Huy will be starting again October 1. Steve welcomes visitors and volunteers. He can be reached at 301-432-7695 or E-mail at Nsawwhet@aol.com/. As always, the banding station needs donations of mist nets (or money), net poles (10 foot ∫ inch pipes or electrical conduits), materials for building a shed, and perhaps the loan of an RV or trailer for the banding season.

Anne Arundel Birders Triumph in "The Trip of the Century" — Phil and Barbara Davis went to Attu in May and enjoyed what Phil terms, "the Trip of the Century." They saw more species and more numbers of birds than any trip in the 20 years birders have been going to Attu - thanks to the worst weather in 20 years or more. Phil battled potential pneumonia, while he and Barbara endured more snow than ever, the worst winds, and the coldest weather. They were rewarded with great southwest winds for days, bringing lots of great birds. Phil had 35 life birds and Barbara had 48. This trip took Phil's total for North America over 700 and Barbara's over 650.

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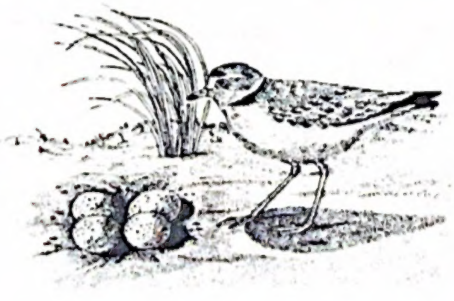
attempts this year, only two failed as a result of depredation. Now predation pressures have shifted from nests to chicks. Avian predators, primarily gulls, kill nearly 50% of the chicks hatched. Unfortunately, some gulls have learned to patrol the exclosures waiting for chicks to come out and may cause some nest abandonment by adult plovers.

Predators are not the only cause of nest failure. Overwash by extremely high tides account for most nest failures. Remember, the breeding habitat of these birds is bare beaches with elevations only inches above the mean high tide. Piping Plovers have evolved in this system of periodic overwash and compensate for it by renesting several times at different sites until they are successful.

The north end of Assateague Island has been altered over the past 10 years by some severe winter storms. The northeaster this past winter completely removed woody vegetation and leveled the dunes, creating ideal plover habitat. However, in spots there is more frequent overwash resulting in flooded nests. Through the end of July, 147 chicks hatched which is less than the record 177 hatched in 1997, of which 91 fledged. At the time I submitted this article, 73 chicks have been lost to predation, weather, etc. and 52 have fledged. Hopefully, another 20 or so chicks will have fledged by the end of the nesting season (which has ended by the time you read this).

A major beach replenishment effort will be underway soon to restore sand to Assateague Island. The jetties at Ocean City have diverted sand that would normally settle on the north end and the upcoming effort is intended to compensate for these losses. During the northeaster this past winter, the island was almost breached as a result of less than normal sand deposition. This project is being conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Piping Plover protection has been incorporated into the design, with technical advise from our biologists and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Piping Plover populations on Assateague have tripled since the late 1980s and should hopefully stay at these higher levels with the help of all the state and federal attention the birds and the island are getting.



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MOS Member's Team Wins the Second Annual Great Texas Birding Classic—Marshall Iliff, member-at-large, participated in the Second Annual Great Texas Birding Classic. His team of three, "the Wildbirders," won the full-week adult category, with a Conservation Cash Grand Prize of $50,000 to be donated to their favorite conservation cause. The Texas Birding Classic is a week-long event sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Teams compete on one, two, or all three competition days (24-hour Big Days) which are separated by a day to rest and recuperate (or drive and scout in the case of The Wildbirders). Marshall's team was sponsored by *Wild Bird* magazine.

Baltimore Bird Club Publishes Bird Guide — After several years of effort by Baltimore Bird Club members, *A Birder's Guide to Baltimore and Baltimore County*, edited by Elliot Kirschbaum, is now available. This book contains detailed accounts of thirty-four birding locations in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, Maryland, each one written by a member of the Baltimore Bird Club who is familiar with the site and has birded there often. Each account gives directions to the site, a description of the area, and information about the site trails and the birds that may be expected. Each account also has a "Site at a Glance" box that provides a synopsis of site information: habitat, terrain, the length of time you should expect to spend at the site, and the best seasons to visit. There is also a list of such nearby amenities as visitor centers, restrooms, and restaurants. The book contains 12 maps and a checklist of local birds. Copies of *A Birder's Guide to Baltimore and Baltimore County* will be available for $10.00 at the Baltimore Bird Club's Tuesday meetings. To receive a copy by first-class mail, send a check for $12.00 made out to the Baltimore Bird Club addressed to Joseph Lewandowski, 3021 Temple Gate, Baltimore MD 21209.

Howard County Birder to Appear in TV Production on Purple Martins—Kathy Klimkiewicz, a Patuxent Wildlife Research Center wildlife biologist is appearing in a MD Public Television (Channel 22 in the Laurel area) 8-10 minute segment on the biology of Purple Martins for their MD Outdoors program. The video follows the birds from arrival of the scouts in the spring through the fall migration. Most of the filming took place in Calvert County and includes an interview with the owner of the nest boxes, Col. Bob Sladeck. Kathy and Andy Brown, Biologist with the Calvert County Parks are also interviewed. This program will air sometime during fall 1998. Check your TV program guide for time and date.

Carroll County Birders Spot A Rarity, the Eastern Blue Bird, and Are Awed by An Owl — Maureen and Dave Harvey vacationed this summer in Saskatchewan. You may recall that Dave fulfilled one ambition and birded in his fiftieth state last year; Saskatchewan was his tenth and final Canadian province. During the trip Dave spotted 187 species in Saskatchewan, raised his Canada list to 333, his North America list to 620, and his world list to 1958. Maureen and Dave found a pair of birds worthy of the local rare bird alert line, a male and female Eastern Bluebird! However, the absolute highlight of the trip occurred on Sunday, May 24. Responding to a report of a Great Gray Owl nest, the Harveys and their Canadian friends started out at 4:30 a.m. At about 7:30, Maureen sighted what Dave calls "the most majestic bird I had ever seen. It was a gray day with about 70% cloud cover and some light sprinkles; however, this Great Gray made my day as bright as it could ever have been." About two hours later, they found the Great Gray nest. The nest sheltered two youngsters and was guarded by an adult perched mid-way up a nearby tree. The adult called the entire time the party was in the area.

Claudia Wilds Memorial - A Reference Library on Ornithology—The Montgomery Chapter has established a bird-related non-circulating reference library dedicated to Claudia Wilds at the Black Hill Regional Park Visitor Center, 20926 Lake Ridge Drive, Boyds, Maryland. The visitor center and library are open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the summer and different hours in the fall. Call 301-972-3476 for information. Admission is free. Claudia Wilds left her entire book collection to the Montgomery County Chapter. The collection of 365 books is housed in oak bookcases donated by the Chapter. Reference materials include field guides, site guides, species accounts, and books about birds of the world. Claudia Wilds served on the boards of MOS and the Virginia Society for Ornithology, was president of the Montgomery Chapter, and from 1973 to 1990 was the voice of the "Voice of the Naturalist." Her book, "Finding Birds in the National Capital Area" is a beloved well-worn reference for many MOS members.

Washington County's President Migrates — Gay Gilbert, newly elected president of the Washington County Chapter, is migrating back to her home in Texas in September. Gay has

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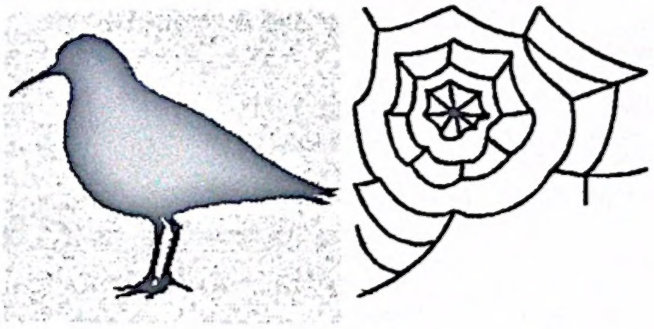
Birds on the Web



Watching the Skies
by Fran Saunders

September is an excellent time to fine tune your hawk watching skills. The sites below will give you a good cross-section of the information available on the WWW on this subject. Some are rehabilitation sites, some specialize in photos or silhouettes, some give natural histories, another will let you hawk watch online, but all provide good useful data on raptors. Check the links on each site to find others on the same topic and don't forget to check out the MOS State Web Site for a short description of hawk watching locations in Maryland and pictures of our more common hawks and falcons.

University of Minnesota Raptor Center: ..... http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/
The Turkey Vulture Society: ..... http://www.accutek.com/vulture/
Hawk Watch (from the Virtual Birder): ..... http://www.virtualbirder.com/vbirder/onLoc/onLocDirs/HAWK/onLocMid.html
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Hawkwatching in the Hudson Region ..... http://members.aol.com/pondhawk/hudson.htm
Hawk Watch: ..... http://mgfx.com/bird/articles/hawk.htm
The Peregrine Fund: ..... http://www.peregrinefund.org/PFHome.html
Raptor Information System: ..... http://www.ris.idbsu.edu/
USGS Raptor Info System: Peregrine Falcon: .... http://www.afternet.com/~teal/falcon.html
USGS Raptor Info System: Ferruginous Hawk:. http://www.afternet.com/~teal/shawk.html
Hawks, Eagles and Falcons of North Dakota: ... http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/hawks/hawks.htm#contents
Pacific Science Center's Raptor Links: ..... http://www.exhibits.pacsci.org/raptors/

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ing Friday night's program as he described efforts being made to restore trumpeter swans to the Chesapeake Bay through the use of imprinting and an ultralight plane. "Fly Away Home" comes to Maryland!

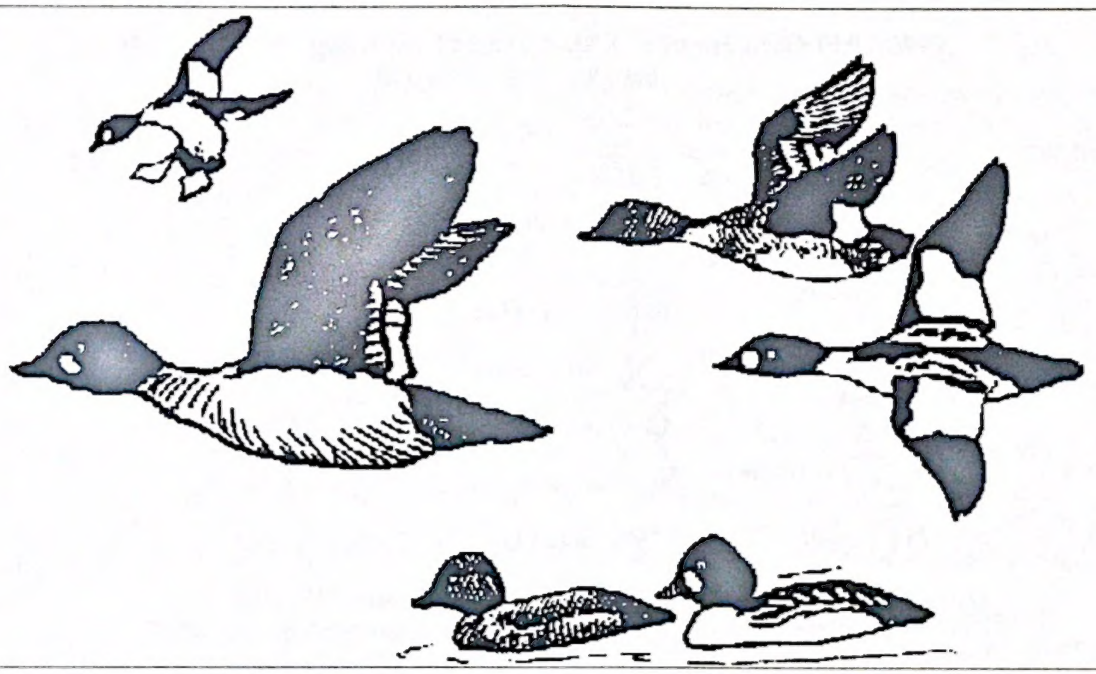
Following Saturday's presentation of papers, the wine and cheese social gave conference attendees an opportunity to meet several of the eight Western Maryland artists whose works were exhibited during the entire conference, an impressive display of different styles and media.

Lou DeMouy, state conference coordinator, gently guided the local committee in the planning and implementation of the 53rd annual conference. Fran Pope served as local chair, with unflagging support from many: Connie Skipper handled registrations and communications with The Wisp; Gwen Brewer and Kevin Dodge planned and organized the field trips; Roy Brown designed and produced the brochure; Barbara Johnson and Barbara Boone recruited and displayed the art exhibit; and Kathleen Helker, Gladys Flaherty, Charlotte Folk and other members of the Allegany Chapter wore many different hats from start to finish.

Finally and fittingly, the $1,517 raised by the conference's silent auction has been donated to The Nature Conservancy's Cranesville Swamp visitor boardwalk improvement project, an eagerly anticipated undertaking which will replace the present "out and back" deteriorating wooden structure with a loop walk into the swamp made of an ecologically-sound and virtually indestructible material gleaned from recycled soda bottles. Hopefully by the time another MOS conference is held in Garrett County, the new Cranesville Boardwalk will be in place, thanks in part to the generosity of the 1998 conference.

Research Grant Deadline Approaching Fast
by Dave Brinker

The Maryland Ornithological Society announces the availability of research grants for ornithological research to be conducted in the State of Maryland. Grants are generally limited to amounts less than $2,000. If the research is to be done at or near one of the MOS sanctuaries, the society may be able to provide accommodations at a nominal cost. Proposals are reviewed twice annually with deadlines of **1 December** and **1 June** with award notification in approximately eight weeks. For application guidelines and further information write: David F. Brinker, MOS Research Committee, 1200 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228.



Sanctuary Committee Report

by Dottie Mumford

Sanctuary Guide Revision

The revision and updating of the "Guide to the Sanctuaries..." is making slow progress. I am still awaiting some feedback from local sanctuary contacts for updating text and maps. The new guide is going to be organized in a different way. Instead of listing the sanctuaries in alphabetical order, the revised guide will be listing the sanctuaries in four categories: 1) Sanctuaries with overnight facilities; 2) Sanctuaries with trails; 3) Sanctuaries without trails; and 4) Affiliated sanctuaries. Category 1 sanctuaries will have more coverage than the others. Both Category 1 & 2 sanctuaries are to have maps of the sanctuary showing location of trails and parking, etc.

The first three categories are fairly self-explanatory. The fourth category needs some defining. Affiliated Sanctuaries are ones in which MOS has a legitimate interest, but MOS does not own, maintain or operate the sanctuary. Adventure Sanctuary in Montgomery County is a long-time affiliated sanctuary. Adventure is administered by the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission under a trusteeship with MOS and Hood College. Our newest affiliate is Horsehead Wetlands Center in Queen Anne's County. Two years ago MOS turned over the John Wanuga bequest to The Wildfowl Trust of North America, Inc. to help in the purchase of property adjacent to the Horsehead Wetlands Center. The Talbot Chapter has become very involved at Horsehead and a good working relationship has been established. Dr. Edward DeLaney, Executive Director at Horsehead, is delighted at the prospects of having Horsehead listed as an MOS Affiliated Sanctuary. He said, "Organizations with logos like ours deserve to be affiliated." (We both have Tundra Swans in our logos.)

Dedication of Wanuga Lane at Horsehead Wetlands Center

In honor of John Wanuga's bequest the Horsehead Wetlands Center is changing the name of a road on the new property to "Wanuga Lane". An official dedication of the lane will be held at **11 am on Sunday, September 27, 1998.** The Talbot Chapter plans to provide a bench with a bronze plaque on it to be placed on the property. The dedication will be held in conjunction with Horsehead's Wetlands Festival Day. The day will begin with a bird walk at 8 am and a variety of programs fostering wetlands education will be held throughout the rest of the day. MOS members will be admitted for free for the day (be sure to bring your MOS card). This ought to be an interesting and fun day. I hope you will try to be there.

Spring Workdays

The spring workday at Irish Grove was "blessed" with rain most of the day. This is the first time that a workday has had so much rain. We were not able to do the painting on the roof of the pole barn. Instead we got some lumber and built a couple of foot bridges on Rail Trail. In spite of the rain we had a good time and did get in some birding. In June Mike Knott spent a week at Irish Grove and finished the work on the roof of the pole barn. Dick Roberts, from Wicomico Chapter, has been doing a number of maintenance jobs at the house and has done some painting on the sheds. He has also installed a new push button phone so that it will easier for visitor's to make long distance calls.

At the spring workday at Carey Run I was distressed to see that the beaver had built up a dam at the pond outflow that was so high that water was flowing over our earthen dam. A fair amount of erosion had already occurred on the dam. Doug Forsell, from the Anne Arundel Chapter, offered to build a baffle at the outflow to lower the water level. He installed the baffle in May and it seemed to work OK. In June I went with Doug to check it out. We decided that the water level needed to be lower, so Doug made the appropriate adjustments. Two beaver came out of the lodge and swam about some. They seemed concerned, but not overly agitated. In fact one proceeded to get a small branch and we watched it methodically chew off and eat the bark. Time will tell if the baffle will be a long range solution. A lot depends on just how smart the beaver are!

Upcoming Workdays

The Fall workday at Irish Grove is scheduled for **October 31, 1998.** We plan to do some work on the siding of the banding shed and, if the weather permits, to do some painting. There will also be plenty of pruning on the trails. The workday usually begins about 9 am and lasts till 4 p.m. with a mid-day break for a dinner provided by the Wicomico Chapter. Participants are welcome to spend Friday and/or Saturday night at the sanctuary house (or put up a tent in the yard). There is no overnight fee charged to participants. Birding at dusk and early morning can be very nice. Please give me call at 410-849-8336 for more information and to let me know you are coming.

Please make a note on your calendar for the spring workdays. **Irish Grove is scheduled for March 27, 1999 and Carey Run is scheduled for April 24, 1999.**

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Maryland Ornithological Society
March Board of Directors Meeting

MEETING LOCATION: ANITA LEIGHT ESTUARY CENTER, Harford County
MEETING DATE: March 14, 1998
MEETING START: 10:08 AM
MEETING ADJOURNED: 12: 25 PM

In Attendance:
Board: See Attached List. *Ed. note: list not forwarded*
Chapters: See Attached List. *Ed. note: list not forwarded*

Corrections/Additions to Minutes:
Approved as submitted.

Additional Comments:
Thanks to Harford County for sponsoring meeting and supplying refreshments. Anita Leight Estuary Center is headquarters for three estuarys. If interested in field trips contact chief naturalist, Heather Helm.

Officer Reports:
***President* (Bob Rineer)** – Announced that we have a volunteer for EFM, Carol Gelick (sp?). Next Board Meeting will be June 13th in Charles County.

***Vice President* (Norm Saunders)** – See Norm's report for further details. In 1995, the C&O Canal asked for volunteers to help in the breeding Bird surveys done along the length of the Canal. This project has been a tremendous success due to the efforts of Montgomery and Frederick Counties and other chapters. Volunteers are needed again this year. See attached write-up.

The Department of Natural Resources is sponsoring the conference on Biodiversity this May in Annapolis. During this conference the DNR and Teaming with Wildlife, Maryland Coalition, will be sponsoring a workshop for those that would like to express their opinions about what is going on with the state of wildlife in Maryland, and what is spent on wildlife projects. Would like to see birders attend to talk about problems that wildlife face and offer possible solutions. How would you as individuals spend money for wildlife? Flyers are available, please distribute at Chapter Meetings.

Have arranged for publications reciprocity with Southern Audubon Society and the Allegheny-Garrett Sportsmen's Association.

Visited Irish Grove and posted Pfisteria signs to cover MOS liability.

On January 27th, MOS presented $5,000 dollars to Denise Gibbs of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for her proposed bluebird conservation area. This is not another Bluebird box trail, but is for plantings to support bluebird populations thru out the winter. Money will support the cost of plantings. Plantings will be done on Arbour Day at the Agriculture History Farm Park. If you would like to help out, phone numbers are listed in the last issue of ***The Maryland Yellowthroat.***

We now have the compiled a 1998 membership list. Copies are available for all officers, contact Will Tress for extra copies. Will be working with Bill Guion who maintains a membership list to compile a list of people who have not renewed their membership. This will help us determine the number of individuals who dropped out over the last four to five years, and can be used to contact people about renewing.

The *Alliance for Chesapeake* puts together a list of conservation organizations, MOS will now be part of this directory when it is published.

***Treasurer* (Jeff Metter)** – Quarterly reports available. In regards to the proposed DNO policy for insurance, the price it is $1900 with a $2500 deductible. Our current policy has been bought out by Travelers Property and Casualty (formerly Aetna). Suggestions were taken to "shop around" for a better rate for our general liability policy (which expires in April) and include the Directors and Officers liability policy.

***Secretary* (Kathy Neugebauer)** – Minutes distributed from last meeting.

***Executive Secretary* (Will Tress)** – Job opportunity in New York, it interested see Will. Pamphlets available for distribution about information on MOS. The purpose of these brochures was for membership and recruitment, chapters are encouraged to send in information to update these forms.

Question was posed as to whether MOS has a traveling display. No one is quite sure, but a bulletin board for MOS use is at Cylburne. Contact Joy Wheeler for further information. Most Chapters have their own.

Money has been bequest in memory of Etta Wedge, by Francis Covington who passed away on October 4th 1997. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds. We to find out more about Etta Wedge!

***Past President* (Al Haury)** – The Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement is a conservation group working with the DNR and other groups. Is MOS interested in this group? Al will followup on this and report at the next meeting.

Anne Arundel Bird Club is having their annual wildlife/fund-raiser lecture April 1st in Annapolis at 8:00 PM at Quiet Waters. Richard Pias will lecture on landscaping for wildlife.

Standing Committee Reports

***Budget* (Paul Zucker)** – The format has been changed to show proposed, previous, and actual numbers through April. Every standing committee is now represented along with other active activities. The primary changes include the increase in publications expenses (*Maryland Birdlife* and *Maryland Yellowthroat*) and that related expenses for operating expenses (phone calls, postage, duplication) does not include allocations for projects. Discussion includes an Atlas Fund (database maintenance) and Education Fund of. Contingencies for unexpected expenses for the Sanctuary Maintenance Fund were also discussed. Only Carey Run and Irish Grove are budgeted.

Questions were posed regarding a number of budget entries. These included, Sanctuary Signs Sales should be adjusted to $200, since that amount is cumulative. There was also some discussions on the Conference Committee expenses of $50. It was noted that this number reflects only administrative costs (as phone calls) and does not reflect or document actual costs/expenses incurred by the Annual Conference. This would be addressed next year, to cover actual costs and expenses. A question was also posed in regards to what the Administrative and Office expenses for affiliations and memberships actually covered. This amount currently addresses three memberships, if more is needed we need to know.

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It was moved to adopt the following scenario that the long-term funding for the Educational committee be handled in a way similar to the Scholarship and Research Committees. It was proposed that from the unallocated MOS money ($60,000), that $16,000 from this allocation be placed in the Educational Committee Fund to maintain the current budget level and that this year's expenses would be drawn from that unallocated money. The interest earned this year will be made available for next year's expenses with this scenario continuing on indefinitely. **Motion Accepted.**

Further discussions suggested that this same type of distribution of unallocated MOS monies be pursued for further Sanctuary requests.

***Bylaws* (Norm Saunders)** – The following proposed changes were discussed and voted upon.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

CHANGE #1 (Article IV-Officers)
Article IV, Section 1 — **APPROVED**

CHANGE #2 (Article VII-Board of Directors)
Section 1 — **APPROVED**

Proposed Manual of Operations Changes

CHANGE #1 (II. Duties of Officers of the Society)
President's Duties — **APPROVED**

CHANGE #2 (II. Duties of Officers of the Society)
Editor's Duties — **APPROVED** (with changes in punctuation as noted)

CHANGE #3 (Local Chapters)
Felt terminology too broad, and that membership changes may not necessarily go to the Society Treasurer — **TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

CHANGE #4 (Local Chapters) — APPROVED

CHANGE #5 (V. Standing Committees)
Additional committees identified — **APPROVED**

CHANGE #6 (V. Standing Committees)
Two additional committees added, discussion on responsibilities of Publicity Committee — **TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

***Conference* (Lou DeMouy)** – Lou reported that he did not have specifics of the number of people attending the Conference. Letters were sent to each Chapter President, looking possible trip leaders. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be willing to lead a trip to let Lou know. Extra registration forms are available. Rooms for Conference are quite large, and can accommodate up to 4 people. For further information, people can contact the resort at 1-800-462-9477.

John Malcolm is coordinating the pin design; local artists will be at the Conference, as well as the Wild Bird Center. Speaker has confirmed.

Norm moved to formally invite the Southern Maryland Audubon Society to attend our 1999 Conference. This is due to their willingness to help lead field trips. He also suggested that they send a representative to our next Board Meeting. **Motion Approved.**

***Conservation* (Rich Dolesh)** – There are a number of issues both at the national and state level, highlights are noted below:

National Level — 1) Proposed Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, 2) Private Property Rights Issues, 3) Wetlands Protection, and 4) Clean Water Act.

Everyone is encouraged to contact the Maryland Delegation to support the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). These funds/appropriations are being severely limited for the National Park Service, and they need all the help they can get.

State Issues — 1) Pfisteria legislation — this is a controversial subject and no one is happy with the compromises. House Bill 599 has no enforcement ability with little or no hope for compliance. There is bound to be renewed interest in this subject next year.

Other bills include, **Rural Legacy Program** — this involves conservation easements to protect areas as reservoirs, watersheds, etc. The **InterCounty Connector** legislation has been "killed." The Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments for restoration plan of Assateaque Island and Ocean City by April 18th. Other programs to watch are the **Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation** (MAGIC), and **White Tail Deer Management**.

Please try to attend the **Conservation for Biological Diversity Workshop**, May 10-13th. Please encourage your Chapter members to support the Teaming for Wildlife "excise" tax on outdoor recreational products and services. You can contact Edith Thompson at the DNR for further information. This bill needs support of large corporations.

Don't forget **International Migratory Bird Day** on May 9th.

***Education* (Linda Bystrak)** – Linda is resigning as Chair due to her pending move. She would like to see MOS to continue funding students to attend the EnviroThon statewide competition. Also Chapter Grant Requests are still available, deadline for applications is April 15th.

***Gifts* (Richard Cleveland)** – No Report.

***Investments* (Larry Fry)** – No Report.

***Library* (Joy Wheeler)** – No Report.

Long-range Planning – No Report

***Research* (David Brinker)** – Two papers have been received for the Conference, with a possibility of two more submissions.

Records* (Harvey Mudd)** — Harvey noted that there are many misconceptions about the Records Committee. He went on to explain what the Records Committee's job is, and what it's primary goals are. The committee has been in existence for 15 years, and its main duty is to evaluate reports of sightings of birds in Maryland and DC. They also collect and document. sightings for current and future use. Over the last 15 years they have had 976 reports, with final decisions on 419 sightings (297 accepts, 122 non-accepts) with an overall acceptance rate of 71 percent. They have also published decisions on 303 sightings in ***Maryland Birdlife. All committee material is open to inspection and review. They are developing an Outreach Pogram to present at Chapter Meetings for members to better understand this process. They are also working on publishing electronically the minutes, and policies of the committee.

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***Sanctuary* (Dottie Mumford)** – Two workdays are scheduled: April 4th at Irish Grove, and April 25th at Cary Run. Please try to attend. Dottie is working on a Sanctuary Guide and hopes to have this completed by this fall. She plans on dividing the Sanctuarys by category (overnight accommodations, trails, parking). Other categories under consideration are for those sites that are maintained by others and not owned by MOS — comments are welcomed on this Category name.

Scholarships* (Isa Sieracki)** – Nineteen applications for scholarships have been received. Results will be published in the ***Yellowthroat.

Other Committees and Projects

***Atlas* (John Malcolm)** – On "hiatus." The Internet site, AMAZON.COM, is carrying the *Atlas* as a special order.

***County List Coordinator* (Phil Davis)** – No Report.

***Mailing Lists* (Bill Guion)** – No Report

***Speaker List* (Al Haury)** – Being updated.

May Count Coordinator (Leanne Pemburn) – No Report

Season Reports (Dan & Linda Southworth) – No Report

Nominations (Dave Harvey) — The following people have been nominated for board positions for 1998/99:

President:	Norm Saunders
Vice President:	Karen Morley
Secretary:	Kathy Neugebauer
Treasurer:	Jeff Metter

Publications –

Maryland Bird Life — No Report.

Yellowthroat (Norm Saunders) — Deadline for submissions is April 1st.

Calendar — No Report.

Environmental Fund – No Report.

Publicity (Mike Callahan) – A number of press releases have been generated since this last report. These include, $5000 Grant to MNCP&PC for Bluebird Conservation Area, as well as upcoming releases on the Annual Conference and the Horsehead Wetlands Joint Program. Please submit ideas for additional releases.

OLD BUSINESS

After reviewing current Minutes, they were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Norm proposed that the Board sponsor a team for the World Series of Birding. One can sponsor for $75 per team member ($300 to $375 total), and solicit pledges from the membership. It was suggested that MOS sponsor members only. Norm recommended that we contact Hal Wierenga about serving as Team Captain. It was noted that any pledge monies go to MOS, and can be distributed to any organization we see fit. This activity could potentially become a money raising activity for MOS. Registration deadline is April 1st. Any additional fees over the registration costs must be approved By the Executive Committee. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen A. Neugebauer
Secretary

You and the EFM Can Help MOS!

by Carol Jelich

As many of you know, MOS is a member of the Environmental Fund for Maryland, a coalition of 19 environmental groups that have joined together for fund-raising purposes. EFM plans and conducts workplace-giving campaigns in both government and private sector settings. The members, including MOS, split the proceeds. MOS decides how to spend our share of EFM funds, and they are used to help support a variety of our programs.

In recent years, there has been a decrease in the donation pledges made during federal government campaigns. Accordingly, EFM has decided to focus on the private sector, to see if large or small companies in Maryland would be interested in conducting workplace-giving campaigns with an environmental focus. This is where you come in.

MOS members can help in two ways. First, think about whether you know of a company that might be a candidate for an EFM campaign. This would be an annual pledge drive, perhaps in the autumn or perhaps in conjunction with Earth Day. Employees can pledge with one-time or a series of payroll deductions. EFM helps with the paperwork. If MOS initiates the contact with a company, we receive a larger share of the donations that are collected.

Secondly, EFM is developing lunch-time programs to be conducted in conjunction with campaigns. These would have an environmental theme, in keeping with the missions of EFM's member organizations. Volunteers from the member groups will conduct the programs. There are many activities that MOS volunteers could lead, such as birding outings, binocular/scope demonstrations, bird song ID workshops, etc, etc. We do know how to have fun! These workplace programs not only will raise awareness of the fundraising campaign, but also will raise awareness of Maryland's wonderful outdoor resources and the organizations that work to protect and conserve them.

Please take some time to think about these two needs. If you have a candidate company for a campaign, if you would be interested in helping with lunch-time programs, or if you need additional information, please contact Carol Jelich, EFM/MOS Delegate, at (410) 757-8158 or e-mail at jrj_csj@mindspring.com.

Thanks in advance for your help!

The MOS Went to the World Series!

by Norm Saunders

You probably remember, from the last edition of *MD Yellowthroat*, that the MOS Board decided to send a team to the 1998 World Series of Birding (WSB). In the WSB, teams from around North America converge on the little town of Cape May, NJ, for one or more weeks of careful scouting and one exceedingly hectic 24-hour period for the competition itself. Teams can compete in the all-New Jersey category or, an increasingly popular alternative, in the limited geographical area competition, where the birding teams limit themselves to just one county, usually Cape May County, in New Jersey. The result is a gathering of some of the finest birders in North America, a time to remember the glories of past years, a time to dream of the victories of future years, and most of all, a time to strive to win THIS year.

But the WSB is more, much more, than just a competition—it is a way for these teams, or for their sponsors, to raise significant amounts of money for conservation issues. In the case of the MOS, we wanted to raise funds in 1998 to support the efforts of our Sanctuary, Education, and Research programs. And so I called Hal Wierenga and Lynn Davidson of Anne Arundel County and asked them if they would be interested in representing MOS at the 1998 WSB. I didn't think they would say yes, because they have counted for some of the major optics companies in past years and have never failed to place high in the standings. But to my great pleasure, they said yes. Not only would they be happy to represent the MOS, they were honored that we had asked! And so I promised to handle the financial side of things if they would put together a team and go for the gold at the 15th Annual World Series of Birding!

The Maryland Yellowthroats: from right to left, Mark Garland, Lynn Davidson, Hal Wierenga, and someone we don't know who insisted he appear in all the pictures. Photo by Norm Saunders.

We all got a late start on both the fund-raising and team-building side of things, but Hal and Lynn were lucky to recruit Mark Garland, long-time MOS member from Montgomery County and senior naturalist with the Audubon Naturalist Society. On the fund-raising side, I got an immediate boost with a $100 contribution from Mike and Debi Klein at the Backyard Naturalist in Olney. The donations and the pledges dribbled in and then another big boost appeared in the form of a totally unexpected but most appreciated donation of $500 from the Anne Arundel Chapter of MOS. I knew now that we would have enough money to cover expenses, our primary goal for this first year, so I set my wife Fran to designing a hat. The hat itself and the name of our team as well, both came from a discussion I had had with Paul O'Brien earlier on. He said, "There's only ONE thing you can possibly call this team: the Maryland Yellowthroats!"

And so we sent off our team of Yellowthroats, with their custom-designed team hats and the best wishes of all who knew them. Hal and Lynn were in Cape May a week before the competition, to begin the careful scouting so necessary for a successful team, and Mark joined them later in the week to add in his keen ears and sharp eyes to the search for species that they would, hopefully, find again on WSB day! Fran and I journeyed to Cape May as well, late on the day before the WSB, to participate if only vicariously in the electric atmosphere that had been building in the area all the past week. As our ferry steamed across Delaware Bay from Lewes to Cape May, the clouds that had been building all day began to release their loads of moisture, and the stage was set for the competition due to start at midnight.

And it rained and rained and rained. It rained from midnight to midnight. Land that formerly was dry was now completely underwater. Islands would disappear even as we watched. Birds normally elusive were wildly scrambling for non-existent cover. The rain would stop for short periods, enough to lure hopeful birders out of their cars to listen for warbler song, only to begin again, harder still. The next day, at the Victory Brunch, Pete Dunne, Director of the Cape May Bird Observatory, said that there had never been a WSB in the past with such bad weather. And yet, with all the rain that fell all that day long, forty-six separate teams slogged it out and came in successfully to the finish line at Cape May Point State Park.

So how did we do? The Yellowthroats managed to locate 153 species of birds on the day of the count. They came in 11th place overall and in 3rd place in the Limited Geographical Area competition, finishing behind the Kowa Optimed team (the dreaded Canadians who had taken the overall competition more than once in the past few years) and the Leica Nighthawks team (the local experts, led by the renowned Michael O'Brien, Maryland boy made good). Soggy, but not defeated, they pledged that "Cape May hasn't seen the last of the Maryland Yellowthroats!" Financially we did a lot better than I had anticipated. We collected $1,267 in pledges and $1,165 in donations, with $252 coming in from the sale of the few extra team hats and t-shirts at the annual conference, for a total of $2,684 in gross revenues! Expenses were a very modest $995 leaving the MOS with a net profit of $1,689. We have every intention of starting earlier this year, both for team-building and for soliciting pledges and donations.

I want to thank the following organizations for their major donations which formed the core of the MOS WSB fundraising efforts:

Anne Arundel Bird Club, Annapolis
The Backyard Naturalist, Olney

And finally I want to thank and acknowledge the following individuals whose pledges and donations carried us over the top!

Armistead, Harry
Botsai, Monica & Roderick
Bowen, Mike & Joy
Chestem, Marty
Cooper, Barry
Coskren, Dennis & Jane
Davidson, Suzonne M.
DeMouy, Lou
Dhyse, Paul & Becky
Dow, Barbara
Eanes, Mark
Ecker, Paula & Darius
Fisher, Leslie
Ford, Helen & John
Freiberg, Sam
Geddes, Shirley
Geuder, Ralph & Jane
Green, Jim
Hamrick, Karen
Harvey, Maureen
Haury, Al
Holloman, Barbara
Kelly, Julie
Loomis, Tom & Joy
Mahanes, Hugh
McCarthy, Katharine
Millenson, Janet
Mudd, Harvey & Marian
Nielsen, Lou
O'Brien, Paul
Ott, Bonnie
Parker, Charles
Pisano, Paul
Pretl, Steve
Radko, Gemma
Rankin, Dillon
Ricciardi, Sue
Rineer, Bob
Ross, Terry & Roberta
Rowe, Katharine
Saunders, Norm & Fran
Schindler, Lydia
Solem, Joanne & Bob
Stagg, Patricia
Stirrat, Charles
Turner, Sarah
Wierenga, Harold, Sr.
Witebsky, Frank
Zucker, Paul

WSB
WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING
New Jersey Audubon

MOS Calendar of Events
September-November 1998

Tuesday, September 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking, early departure possible. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Fall migrant songbirds, Yellow-crowned Night-Herons possible on earlier walks. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Chris Manning, at 410-668-8713.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Land Birds Seen East of the Mississippi" by Lester Simon. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Antietam Battlefield & Snavely Trail. Always an area in which we find interesting birds. Meet at the Rt. 65 Park & Ride next to the Motor Vehicle Administration at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Keedy, at 301-733-7708.

Wednesday, September 2

MEETING. Carroll. "Birds & Butterflies in Ecuador" by Bob Ringler. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College in Westminster, MD. For more information, contact Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bel Air Goatsuckers. Final of three evening watches atop the Bel Air Parking Garage for southbound Common Nighthawks. Meet any time after 5:45 p.m. on the top floor of the garage, intersection of Pennsylvania and Hickory Avenues. For further information, contact the coordinator, Dave Webb, at 410-939-3537.

Thursday, September 3

MEETING. Frederick. "The Joy of Bluebirds," by Conny Toops. 7:30 p.m. at the Frederick High School music room. For details, call Wilbur Hershberger at 301-898-9088.

Saturday, September 5

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Point Lookout, St. Mary's County. Join trip leader Bob Ringler (410-549-6031) to learn about and search for butterflies such as Cloudless Sulfur & Long-tailed Skipper. But could birders go to Point Lookout and not admire the birds? Bob has suggested we search for Sandwich Terns and migrant land birds also. Meet at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway at 7:30 a.m. and please pack a lunch.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Looking for fail migrants at Carroll Community College. Park in the college's main parking lot. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the trailhead behind the amphitheater. For more information, contact the trip leader, Sue Yingling, at 410-876-8211.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Merkle WMA and Patuxent River Park. Pontoon ride for rails, bitterns, Barred Owl, and migrant songbirds. Bring lunch; 3/4-day trip. Limited to 18 persons. Call coordinator Randy Robertson, at 410-273-9029, for reservations and meeting information.

Sunday, September 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Phoenix. Easy walking trip on Northern Central Hike & Bike Trail. Good for beginning or intermediate birders to work on land bird identification. Meet 8:00 a.m. at parking lot across from pond. For further information, contact the leader, Michele Melia, at 410-358-5920.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Presidents' Day Opening Walk at Little Bennett Park. Participation of all former chapter presidents is encouraged and everyone is welcome. Resident and migrant landbirds, possible broad-winged hawks. Bring lunch for a post-walk picnic. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at King's Park, MD Rt. 121, 1 mile east of I-270 (Clarksburg exit). For further information, contact Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Tuesday, September 8

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Shirley Geddes, at 410-377-6583.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Little Bennett Park for resident and migrant land birds. Meet at the Rt. 66 Park & Ride. Contact Ann Mitchell at 301-432-2021 for further information.

Thursday, September 10

MEETING. Howard. "Desert and Tropical Birds of Queensland Australia," by Dr. Donald Messersmith. Programs held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Dr., Columbia. Hospitality session/bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Meeting/program at 8:00 p.m. For information call Mike Kerwin, 410-461-2408.

MEETING. Montgomery. "The Forest Owlet: Demystifying One of India's Mystery Birds" by Smithsonian researcher Pamela C. Rasmussen. 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Linda Friedland at 301-983-2136.

Saturday, September 12

ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK PICNIC. Anne Arundel. 4:00 p.m. at the home of Mary O'Leary.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Gwynns Falls at Dickeyville. Lovely, level walk through old paved roadbed along unspoiled wooded streamside setting for fall migrant warblers and other delights. Barred Owl possible. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the end of Wetheredsville Road just south of the town of Dickeyville. For further information, contact the leaders, Mark and Leanne Pemburn, at 410-467-4737.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Looking for fall migrants at Pine Valley Park in Manchester, MD. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Manchester Park & Ride on Rt. 27 near Rt. 30. For more information, contact Bob Ringler at 410-549-6031.

ANNUAL PICNIC. Harford. The picnic starts at 2 p.m., food will be served at 3 p.m., and a short birdwalk follows. Cost is $11 per person, $5 for children under 12; BYO beverage. Call coordinator Larry Fry at 410-452-8539, before Friday, September 4 for reservations & additional information.

Sunday, September 13

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Fran Uhler Natural Area, Prince George County. Have you wondered what are the names of the flowers we admire on our field trips? Join Jane Fallon (301-249-1518) to explore the area for Joe-Pye Weed, Boneset and Maryland Golden Aster. This half-day trip leaves the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway at 8:00 a.m.

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FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Susquehanna State Park. A reliable location in eastern Harford County for a wide assortment of resident species and fall migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Rock Run Mill, junction of Stafford and Rock Run Roads. For further information, contact the leader, Les Eastman, at 410-734-6969.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Layhill Park. Migrant sparrows, warblers and other woodland and edge birds. Waterproof boots and long pants essential. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at first available parking space on left after pulling into park. Limited to 8 people. For further information, directions and reservations, contact the leader, Howard Youth at 301-770-7504.

Tuesday, September 15

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Josie Gray, at 410-922-1837.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Rock Creek Park. Migrant warblers, vireos and sparrows. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at picnic area 18 (1/2 mile below Nature Center on Ridge Road). For further information and directions, contact the leader, Bill Dobbins, at 202-338-1321.

Thursday, September 17

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Joppatowne. First of two evening watches for southbound Broad-winged Hawks descending upon their overnight roosting grounds. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Super Fresh at Joppatowne Shopping Center, US 40 and Joppa Farm Road. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Ziolkowski, Jr., at 410-679-6765.

MEETING. Jug Bay. "Tails of Tobago" by Mike Callahan. 7:00 p.m. at the two story house at Patuxent River Park. For further information, call 301-627-6074.

Friday, September 18

MEETING. Caroline. "Simple Tips To Improve Your Bird Identification Skills" Jan Reese. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Caroline County Public Library, Denton Meeting Room, 100 Market Street, Denton, MD.

Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Assateague & Chincoteague Weekend Trip. Visit the beaches of Assateague and Chincoteague National Seashores of Maryland and Virginia. Al Haury will guide us in our search for hawks and fall migrants. Confirm with leader Al Haury at 410-923-0881 by September 12.

Saturday, September 19

FIRST ANNUAL BALTIMORE FALL COUNT. Baltimore. Contact compiler Pete Webb, 410-486-1217, or e-mail at pwebb@bcpl.net, for assignment.

FALL BIRD COUNT. Caroline. To participate, contact the coordinator, Ethel Engle, at 410-673-7612.

FALL CENSUS. Frederick. Call Wilbur Hershberger at 301-898-9088 to help with our third countywide fall census.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Washington Monument State Park. This week is traditionally the best time for hawk migration. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot at the park. For further information, contact Dave Weesner at 301-432-7718.

Sunday, September 20

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Cromwell Valley Park. Baltimore County park located near south end of Loch Raven Reservoir is good location for fall migrants. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Fallston Park 'n' Ride on MD 152, just north of Harford Road (MD 147). For further information contact the leader, Russ Kovach, evenings at 410-679-0535.

Tuesday, September 22

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Elliot Kirschbaum, at 410-243-1481 or ekirschb@mail.bcpl.net.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Mariner Point Park. Beginners' walk at suburban park along Gunpowder River in Joppatowne. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at park's picnic pavilion, south end of Kearney Drive off Joppa Farm Road. For further information, contact the leader, Tom Congersky, at 410-676-6489.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. C&O Canal. A great area for migrants. We always see something interesting here. Meet at the Rt. 65 Park & Ride next to the Motor Vehicle Admin. For further information, contact Betty Wolfe at 301-824-5391.

DINNER MEETING. Washington. "The Yellow Book & How To Use It" by Bob Ringler. Bob's talk will help us get more enjoyment and knowledge from our field trip experiences. Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Aetna Nature Center, Hagerstown. For further information, contact Janet Shields at 301-416-7109.

Thursday, September 24

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Joppatowne. Second of two evening watches for southbound Broad-winged Hawks descending upon their overnight roosting grounds. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Super Fresh at Joppatowne Shopping Center, US 40 and Joppa Farm Road. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Ziolkowski, Jr., at 410-679-6765.

Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Cape May Weekend. New Jersey hot spot at peak of migration season. Raptors, landbirds, shorebirds. Trip to Forsythe NWR (a.k.a. "Brigantine") to be included if feasible. For reservations, lodging information and directions, contact the leader, Bob Augustine, at 301-933-5970.

Saturday, September 26

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Black Marsh, Baltimore County. Black Marsh, in North Point State Park is a pristine brackish marsh that has largely been left undisturbed. Last year a large kettle of migrating hawks was the highlight of the day. There will be some hiking involved on level terrain. All day, bring lunch. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Severna Park Park & Ride lot located on the corner of Jones Station Road and Ritchie Highway. For further information, contact the leader, Larry Zoller, at 410-647-9354.

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FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Oregon Ridge Nature Center. Bluebirds, migrant songbirds, possible hawk flight. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Oregon Ridge Nature Center. For further information, contact the leader, Gail Frantz, at 410-833-7135.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Glen. Morning field trip south of Bel Air for fall songbirds, dabbling ducks, and herons. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the mansion house, south end of Wheel Road off of MD 24. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Larkin at 410-569-8319.

FIELD TRIP. Jug Bay. Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Calvert County. For further information, call Mike Callahan at 301-490-9318 or 301-743-3526.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Potomac River Bird Paddle. Riverine species and some migrants. We'll canoe upstream from the Sycamore Island Club. A waiver of liability will be required for each participant. Limited to 18 people. For reservations and information, contact the leader, David Winer, at 301-229-8963.

GREENBRIER STATE PARK WORKDAY. Washington. Join the Washington County MOS members in clean-up actives at the park. We plan to spend some time birding once our work is done. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the park. Call Janet Shields at 301-416-7109, if you can help.

Sunday, September 27

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Fair Hill. All-morning trip to Cecil County hotspot for warblers, vireos and sparrows. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the Conowingo Visitors Center (US 1, 1/4 mile south of the Susquehanna River). For further information, contact the leader, Marcia Watson-Whitmyre at 410-398-0125.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Meadowside Nature Center and Area. "Challenging" fall warblers, migrant landbirds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the nature center. For further information and directions, contact the leader, Rick Sussman, at 301-774-1185.

Tuesday, September 29

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Dot Gustafson, at 410-377-4120.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministries Center. This is a conference center with multiple trail encompassing variable habitat. We have new forest, emerging forest and old growth with lots of good birds. Meet at the Rt. 65 Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. For further information, call Janet Shields at 301-416-7109.

Wednesday, September 30

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Glen. Beginner's walk to location south of Bel Air known for diverse birdlife; morning trip will include banding demonstration. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the mansion house, south end of Wheel Road. For further information, contact the leader, Louise Sultan at 410-877-7210.

Thursday, October 1

MEETING. Frederick. "The Maryland Yellow Book," by Bob Ringler. 7:30 p.m. at the Frederick High School music room. Call Wilbur Hershberger at 301-898-9088 for additional information.

Friday, October 2

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Natural History of Eastern Australia" by Greg Kearns. 8:00 p.m. at The Media Center, Annapolis Senior High School, 2700 Riva Road, Annapolis.

Saturday, October 3

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Meyer's Station, Anne Arundel County. Meyer's Station is a close birding location with a variety of habitats to bring in many species of migrating birds. Barred Owls and Wood Ducks are possibilities. Half day. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway. For further information, contact the leader, Emily Joyce, at 410-923-6053.

FIELD TRIP. Caroline. Bird Walk at Martinak State Park. Beginners Welcome! Meet 8:00 a.m. in the park's main parking lot by the log cabin. The rain date is Oct. 10. For further information, contact the leader, Mariana Nuttle.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Lily Pons. Wet footgear is usually a good idea! Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake boathouse. For further information, contact Mike Welch at 301-874-5828.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Swan Harbor Farm. Excellent birding area on the Oakington Peninsula of eastern Harford County. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Roye Williams Elementary School, Oakington Road just south of Old Post Road (MD 132). For additional information, contact the leader, Tom Trafton at 410-803-1068.

Sunday, October 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Soldier's Delight. Fall migrants and interesting flora in Baltimore County serpentine barrens. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the I-95 / MD 152 Park & Ride lot (Exit 77). Half day; bring snack. For further information contact the leader, Mark Johnson, at 410-692-5978.

Tuesday, October 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Matilda Weiss, at 410-337-2732.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Grassland Bird Management" by Kyle Rambo. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Birding at the National Zoo. We'll see ducks and birds and visit the tropical rain forest. Meet at Rt. 66 Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Ann Mitchell, at 301-432-2021.

Wednesday, October 7

MEETING. Carroll. "Bear, Turkey & Grouse In Maryland" by Steve Bittner. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College in Westminster, MD. For more information, contact Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

Thursday, October 8

MEETING. Howard. "Impact and Management of the Introduced Mute Swan in Maryland," by Larry Hindman. Programs held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Dr., Columbia. Hospitality session/bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Meeting/program at 8:00. For information call Mike Kerwin, 410-461-2408.

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MEETING. Montgomery. Book Auction of two dozen titles from Claudia Wilds' collection, followed by "Ultralights and Birds: South Together" by biologist, bird bander and pilot Gavin G. Shire, describing his flights with geese and swans. 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Linda Friedland at 301-983-2136.

Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Cape May, NJ. This birding location is a hotspot for East Coast hawkwatching with 360-degree views. A variety of habitats are visited for migrating songbirds also. Call trip leader, Peter Hanan at 410-721-2658, by October 3 for details about this two-day trip.

Saturday, October 10

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Cape May. All-day trip to southern tip of New Jersey for annual hawk migration spectacle. Bring lunch. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the I-95 / MD 155 commuter lot (Exit 89). In case of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled for Sunday, October 11. For additional information, contact the coordinator, Randy Robertson at 410-273-9029.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Golden Plover & Late Shore Birds Quest. We will go to Lily Pons, lower Washington County, or wherever we have reports of these birds. Meet at the Boonsboro Park & Ride at Rt. 67 & Alt. 40 at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Weesner at 301-432-7718.

Sunday, October 11

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

Tuesday, October 13

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. For further information, contact the leader, Ruth Culbertson, at 410-825-1379.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Ft. Frederick & Big Pool. This is a beautiful area, which always has some surprises for us. Meet at the Rt. 65 Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Betty Wolfe, at 301-824-5391.

Wednesday, October 14

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eden Mill. Migrating hawks and passerines expected at park of north central Harford County along scenic Deer Creek. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Eden Mill Nature Center, Eden Mill Road just west of Fawn Grove Road. For additional information, contact Dave Webb, at 410-939-3537.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Washington Monument State Park. Migrating raptors at (relatively) nearby watching area. No reservations required, but please contact leader in case rain/wind suggest later date would be more propitious. Meet at 9 a.m. at base of the monument. For further information and directions, contact the leader, Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Thursday, October 15

MEETING. Jug Bay. "Adventures Downunder" with Greg Kearns. 7:00 p.m. at the Nature Center, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Calvert County. For further information and directions, call Mike Callahan at 301-490-9318 or 301-743-3526.

Friday, October 16

MEETING. Caroline. "Pribilof Islands of Southwestern Alaska" Dr. Robert Trever. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Caroline County Public Library, Denton Meeting Room, 100 Market Street, Denton, MD.

Saturday, October 17

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Waggoner's Gap, PA. Waggoner's gap is excellent in autumn for most hawk species. The trip will leave the Severna Park Park & Ride lot located on the corner of Jones Station Road and Ritchie Highway at 7:30 a.m. Be sure to pack a lunch. Remember we will be sitting on rocks and doing some hiking. For further information, contact the leader, Leo Weigant at 410-6479251.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Hawk Watching at Waggoner's Gap. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Ward's Auto Center in Cranberry Mall, Westminster, MD. Bring a lunch. For more information, contact the trip leader, Dave Harvey, at 410-795-3117.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary for our annual hawk count and other birding. This place has a history of surprises! Meet at New Market Shopping Center, Rts. 75 and 144, just north of I-70, at 8:00 a.m. Call Wilbur Hershberger at 301-898-9088 for details.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Gunpowder Fields. Morning trip to brush habitat near Joppatowne for fall sparrows including possible White-crowned, Lincoln's and Vesper. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Super Fresh at Joppatowne Shopping Center, US 40 and Joppa Farm Road. For additional information, contact the leader, Dave Ziolkowski, Jr., at 410-679-6765.

Sunday, October 18

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Caroline. Pelot Sanctuary cleanup. Meet at the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. For further information, contact the coordinator, Bill Scudder.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Upper Deer Creek Valley. Tour of rural northwestern Harford County for such possible species as American Pipit, White-crowned Sparrow, and Red-headed Woodpecker. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Jarrettsville Elementary School on MD 23, 1/2 mile west of MD 165. For additional information, contact the leader, Dennis Kirkwood, at 410-692-5905.

Tuesday, October 20

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Gambrill State Park for late fall migrants. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Rt. 66 Park & Ride. For further information, contact Betty Wolfe at 301-824-5391.

Saturday, October 24

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Northampton Furnace Trail. Level walking through mixed woods and brushy habitat to edge of Loch Raven reservoir. Good chance for Winter Wrens, late lingering Robins, and some waterfowl. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Dulaney Valley Road and Chapelwood Lane, 2 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 27. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217 or pwebb@bcpl.net.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Turkey Point Hawk Watch. Morning trip to Cecil County site for migrant raptors and songbirds. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the Havre de Grace Plaza Acme, US 40 and Lewis Lane. For additional information, contact the coordinator, Carol Nemeth, at 410-939-1097.

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FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Lower Frederick County. Wintering and resident sparrows, finches. 1/2 day. Meet at entrance to Lilypons Water Gardens along Lilypons Road at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Pisano, at 703-685-3790.

Sunday, October 25

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:30 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bombay Hook. Noted location near Smyrna, DE for shorebirds, raptors, field birds, and waterfowl. Meet at 6:15 a.m. at the I-95 / MD 155 commuter lot (Exit 89). 3/4-day trip; for further information contact the leader, Russ Kovach, evenings at 410-679-6765.

FIELD TRIP. Jug Bay. Explore Solomons Island. Highlight: Calvert Marine Museum (entrance fee.) Meet at the Museum at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch and we can picnic. Solomons Island is the site for the MOS State Conference 1999. For further information, contact the leader, Marilyn Guerra, at 301-627-5693.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Rachel Carson Conservation Park. Woodpeckers, sparrows, early waterfowl at this beautiful new, undeveloped park in extreme northern Montgomery County. Old fields, hedgerows, woodlands and ponds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. For further information and where to meet, contact the leader, Rob Gibbs, at 301-253-6903.

Tuesday, October 27

FIELD TRIP. Washington. Town Hill for Golden Eagles and Red-tailed Hawk migration. Meet at the Rt. 66 Park & Ride at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call Janet Shields at 301-416-7109.

MEETING. Washington. "Sound in the Natural World - Purpose and Pursuit" by Wilbur Hershberg. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Aetna Nature Center, Hagerstown. For further information, contact Janet Shields at 301-416-7109.

Saturday, October 31

IRISH GROVE SANCTUARY ANNUAL FALL WORKDAY. Come lend a hand to help maintain our sanctuary in Somerset County. The workday usually begins around 9:00 a.m. and ends about 4:00 p.m. with a mid-day break for dinner provided by the Wicomico chapter. You are welcome to spend Friday and/or Saturday night at the house so that you can get in more time for birding. No overnight fee is charged to workday participants. For more information, call the sanctuary chairman, Dotty Mumford at 410-849-8336.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Halloween Owl Prowl. Eerie evening escapade for owls in north central Harford County. For further information contact the leader, Harold Boling, 410-803-1075.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Waggoner's Gap, PA. Joint ANS trip. 100+ miles from Washington Beltway. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Kerrie Kirkpatrick, at 703-560-4950.

Tuesday, November 3

MEETING. Baltimore. "Churchill: Living on the Edge" by Robert E. Mumford, Jr. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion. The Mansion is located off Greenspring Avenue one block south of Northern Parkway (accessible from I-83 Northern Parkway exit south of the Beltway) in Baltimore.

Wednesday, November 4

MEETING. Carroll. "Owls of the Eastern United States" by Rick Blum. 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College in Westminster, MD. For more information, contact Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Havre de Grace Promenade. Casual morning walk along Havre de Grace shoreline for loons, waterfowl, and Bald Eagle. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Tydings Marina, Commerce and Market Streets. For additional information, contact the leaders, Dave or Macrina Seitz, 410-838-2150.

Thursday, November 5

MEETING. Frederick. "Machias Seal Island and Other New England Locations," by Wilbur Hershberger. 7:30 p.m. at the Frederick High School music room. Call Wilbur for more information at 301-898-9088.

Saturday, November 7

WORK DAY. Frederick. Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary. Bring work gloves and help us with our annual workday at the sanctuary, planting trees, mending fences, and spotting a good bird or two. Contact David Smith at (410) 549-7082 for details.

FIELD TRIP. Jug Bay. Fall Migrating Raptors. For further information, contact the leader, Bob Courtemanche, at 301-248-2779.

Sunday, November 8

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Waterfowl Tour. Morning trip will visit several locations along eastern border of county for possible Northern Shoveler, Oldsquaw, and scoters. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Rod 'n' Gun Club on APG's Edgewood Area, south end of MD 24 (named Hoadley Road on post). For additional information, contact the leader, Dave Webb at 410-939-3537.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Myrtle Grove WMA and Vicinity. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Oxon Hill Children's Farm or 8:30 a.m. at Myrtle Grove. Trip will stop at fast-food place for lunch. For reservations and additional information, contact the leader, Frank Witebsky, at 301-871-7990.

Thursday, November 12

MEETING. Howard. "A Tale of Two Islands: Appledore in Maine and the Farallons in California," by David Holmes. Programs held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Dr., Columbia. Hospitality session/bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Meeting / program at 8:00 p.m. For information Call Mike Kerwin 410-461-2408.

MEETING. Montgomery. Bake Sale, followed by presentation by member and avid world birder Gail MacKiernan. Gail accompanied a Scripps Oceanographic vessel on a geology survey at the deep trench off South America, where she counted and videotaped "Seabirds in the Time of El Nino." 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD. For further information, contact Linda Friedland at 301-983-2136.

Friday-Sunday, November 13-15

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Chincoteague. Weekend trip along Virginia coastline for waterfowl, shorebirds, and much more. For additional information, contact either Jean or Larry Fry, at 410-452-8539, by Saturday, November 7.

Saturday, November 14

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run Park. Walk the hilly trails around the lake edges for waterfowl and winter land birds. Telescopes recommended. Meet 8:00 a.m. at entrance gate. For further information, contact the leader, Burton Alexander, at 410-381-5574.

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FIELD TRIP. Carroll. Looking for fall waterfowl & more at Piney Run Park, Sykesville, MD. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the park gate on Martz Rd. For more information, contact the trip leader, Jerry Tarbell, at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Blackwater NWR. Geese, swans, eagles, Brown-headed Nuthatches. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the visitor center parking lot (US fee area). Bring lunch and scope. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Jim Green, at 301-258-7344.

Sunday, November 15

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Lilypons - New Design Road. Wintering field birds, targeting Fox and Tree sparrows and possible Loggerhead Shrike. Will include stop at Black Hill Reservoir, if conditions look good for waterbirds. For reservations and further information, contact the leader, Gail MacKiernan, at 301-989-1828.

Thursday, November 19

MEETING. Jug Bay. "Bird Adaptation" by Dr. Wayne Bell, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. 7:00 p.m. at the SMECO Bldg., Hughesville, MD. For further information and directions, call Mike Callahan at 301-490-9318 or 301-743-3526.

Friday, November 20

MEETING. Caroline. "Bald Eagles" Glenn Therres. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Caroline County Public Library, Denton Meeting Room, 100 Market Street, Denton, MD.

Saturday, November 21

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Blackwater NWR. All-day trip to see ducks, thousands of Canada and Snow Geese, and possible Bald Eagle or Brown-headed Nuthatch. Meet at the refuge Visitors Center. Birding mostly from cars, one short level walk. Telescopes useful. Trip will break up in early afternoon. Meet 9:30 a.m. at visitor center. For further information, contact the leader, Taylor McLean, at 410-377-7622.

FIELD TRIP. Carroll. See Bald Eagles & wintering gulls. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Owings Mills Metro Lot off Rt. 795 (south lot near Painters Mill Rd). Bring a lunch. For more information, contact Jerry Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the Urbana Park-and-Ride at 6:00 a.m. Bring lunch. Call Wilbur Hershberger at 301-898-9088 for more information.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eastern Neck. All-day trip to NWR in Kent County productive for grebes, swans, diving ducks, and winter sparrows. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the I-95 & MD 155 commuter lot (Exit 89). For further information, contact the leaders, Jean and Larry Fry, at 410-452-8539.

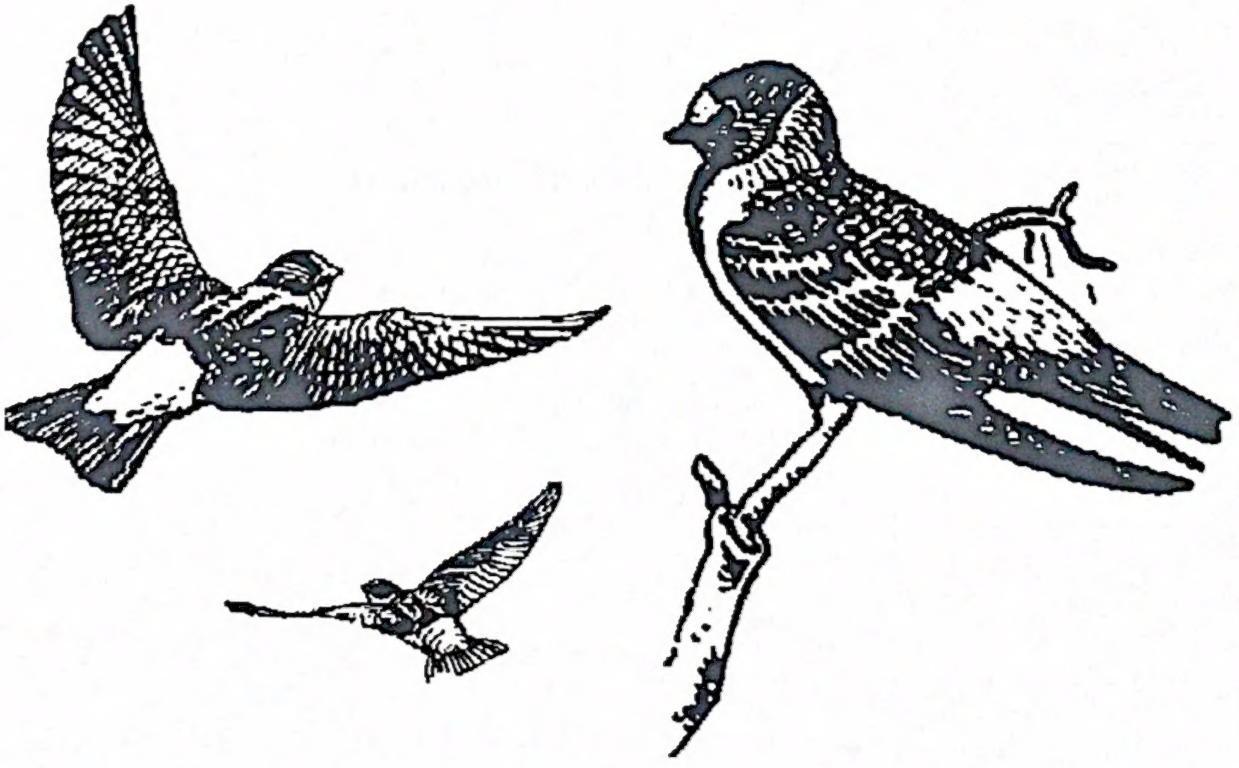
FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Sandy Point State Park. Wintering waterfowl, other waterbirds, some landbirds, including possible Snow Buntings. Meet just beyond park tollbooth at 9 a.m. (no entrance fee this time of year). For further information, contact the leader, Don Messersmith, at 301-593-5942.

Sunday, November 22

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Huntley Meadows County Park, VA. Waterfowl and winter residents. No reservations necessary. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot near the Visitors' Center. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Saturday, November 28

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Dam. Morning trip to acclaimed site along Susquehanna River for possible Golden Eagle, Great Cormorant, Lesser Black-backed Gull, and waterfowl. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the base of the dam at Fisherman's Park, east end of Shures Landing Road. For additional information, contact the leader, Dennis Kirkwood, at 410-692-5905.



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